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## No challenges come forward

BY ED LEPOMA

No one who signed a petition calling for an election on a \$6 million road bond issue in Hancock County came into the courthouse to challenge being disqualified.

Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler had posted a listing of those whom she could not determine were registered voters on the courthouse bulletin board 10 days ago, and they were asked to come down and swear out an affidavit that the signature was theirs and that they were a registered voter.

"No one called. No one came in," said Metzler.

Metzler reported to supervisors Jan. 21 that she had disqualified 520 of 1,667 signatures collected by former supervisor Jerry Ledner. That meant the 1,157 signatures verified fell far short of the 1,500 signatures of registered voters needed to require super-

visors to call an election on the bond issue.

Metzler found 21 who signed the petition were motor voters, making them ineligible to vote in county or state elections; three signatures were duplicates; 291 were not registered voters; 66 signed for themselves and their spouses which is against the law, and 139 signatures were illegible.

Supervisors are expected to adjudicate Metzler's disqualifications at Monday's meeting, opening the way for them to float a bond issue to blacktop county roads whenever they decide.

The Board has asked the staff to see if the bonds can be issued without having to raise property taxes. Some supervisors have contended additional revenue from property reappraisal and savings from constant maintenance of the county's unpaved roads might be enough to cover the bonds.



### Downtown mural

Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, left, watches as trustee Ray Lavigne paints an island scene that will be displayed downtown at Trapani's Restaurant while Liz Lagarde looks on. The Bay St. Louis Development Foundation has commissioned Lavigne to paint two downtown murals, and the second will be displayed at Jerome's on Main Street. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

## County officials plan D.C. trip

BY ED LEPOMA

At least five of Hancock County's leading officials are planning to attend a conference Feb. 28 through Mar. 4 in the nation's capital. That means the regular annual meeting, scheduled for Mar. 3 will have to be rescheduled when they return.

At supervisors' recess meeting Jan. 21, Jeff Loftus of the

Gulf Regional Planning Commission invited the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator Tim Kellar to attend a meeting in Washington, D.C. of the National Association of Counties.

Loftus said originally the meeting was to be held in Washington, D.C. but it was rescheduled to pay travel and conference expenses for Lisa Coward.

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## Four teenagers booked on drugs

BY RICHARD MEEK

Four Louisiana teenagers were booked on drug charges following their arrests in the parking lot of the Waveland Wal-Mart last Sunday.

Arrested and booked on possession of controlled substance with intent charges were William Youngblood Jr., 18, of Columbia; Claude Bloom III, 19, of DeRidder; Benjamin Lee, 18, of New Orleans and Stephen Hayes, 18, of Kelly, according to Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell, who is Interim Director of the Hancock County Narcotics Task Force.

All four are being held at the Hancock County Justice Facility on \$10,000 bond.

A juvenile was also arrested and booked at the juvenile facility in Poplarville, Varnell said.

Varnell said officers were called to the parking lot after teens were observed drinking about 10 a.m. Sunday. Upon arrival, Varnell said drug paraphernalia was observed by the officers.

A further search uncovered marijuana, LSD, cocaine and several types of unidentified pills.

Officers from the Waveland Police Department and the Narcotics Task Force were involved in the arrests.

A Feb. 13 court date has been set for the adults.

### Mayor's toast

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre toasts the royalty for the coming Bay Catholic Elementary parade, scheduled Friday. From left are Adriana Vargas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Vargas, Long Beach; William Love Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Love Sr., Diamondhead; Christopher Tebo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Tebo, Bay St. Louis; and Kayla Crosby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crosby, Waveland. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

## Bay Catholic, OLA set expansion campaign

BY BETSY GAGNET

A campaign is underway to raise money for the expansion of Bay Catholic Elementary School and Our Lady Academy.

Along with other area schools, the catholic schools are feeling the effects of community growth and are attempting to keep abreast of it.

A demographic study done by Bay Catholic showed the Bay St. Louis area will continue to grow and local daycare centers are experiencing increased demand in the 0-4 year age group.

Additionally, the study showed the number of local baptisms are constant year to year.

Bay Catholic is accommodating as many students as the present facility will allow and has 60 children on the waiting list.

Next year a second fourth grade will be added to handle the two third grade classes moving in.

There is only one class in each grade.

next year, I don't have any more room," explained Bay Catholic Principal Myrna Jordan.

Current plans have the added fourth grade taking over

space in the cafeteria currently used as a music room.

If the campaign is successful, the expansion plans call for

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OR

BETTY BOURGEOIS  
JOSEPH BLAKE  
JOE DI BENEDETTO  
TERENCE M. FEENEY  
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RUFUS LUSICH  
BERNIE J. NECAISE  
WALTER STRINGER  
J. B. TONEY  
GEORGE M. WYNNE

BETTY BOURGEOIS  
Mrs. Betty Bourgeois, 79, of Waveland, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Bourgeois was a native of Gulfport and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Bourgeois; a brother, Horace Asher; and a sister, Clara Hall.

Survivors include two sons, Al Bourgeois of Pass Christian and Otto D. Bourgeois of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Elaine Benigno of Kenner, La.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Friday at St. Clare Catholic Church. Burial was in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

#### JOSEPH BLAKE

Joseph Blake, 75, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Blake was a native of Biloxi and a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Adam and Sadie Thomas Blake Sr. and one brother, George Blake.

He is survived by one son, Joseph G. Blake of Prairieville; two daughters, Dolly Thresa Pace of Pass Christian and Norma Jean Funk of Orlando, Fla.; one sister, Patricia Miller of Springfield, La.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5-9 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home chapel in Bay St. Louis.

A graveside service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at the Biloxi National Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in

## 'Take It To Heart'

The Center for Women's Health of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport will sponsor a program especially for women entitled "Take It To Heart," on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the center at 301 Church Avenue in Long Beach.

Speaker is Liz Taylor, RN, MSN, CNS. Taylor is a registered nurse working in the Intermediate Care area at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport specializing in cardiac nursing, hypertension, myocardial infarction, basic cardiac life support and congestive heart failure.

Taylor will address risk factors for heart disease and how to decrease those risks with proper diet, activity and treatment.

Cost of the program is \$5. For information or to register, contact the Center for Women's Health at 864-4273.

charge of arrangements.

JOE DI BENEDETTO  
Joe di Benedetto, 77, of Hattiesburg, died Friday, Jan. 31, in Hattiesburg.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

#### TERENCE M. FEENEY

Terence M. Feeney, 79, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Feeney was a native of Homestead, Pa., and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. He was a member and past commander of American Legion Post 77 in Waveland, VFW Post 3253 in Bay St. Louis and a member of Triton Carnival Association. He was a former member of the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club and the Waveland Civic Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John P. and Debra Keenan Feeney.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha Ploue Gennin Feeney of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Kimberly Feeney Etheridge of Bay St. Louis; four stepsons, Alvin Gennin Jr. of Pass Christian, Lawrence Gennin of Algiers, La., and Ronald Gennin and Chuck Gennin, both of Bay St. Louis; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Saturday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

#### DARVIN E. HOPPERT

Darvin E. Hoppert, 84, of Diamondhead, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997, in Biloxi.

He was a native of St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Hoppert was a member of Diamondhead Community Church, and the Diamondhead Men's Golf Association. He had been a resident of Diamondhead since 1971.

Mr. Hoppert was a retired Colonel with the U.S. Army, having served for 28 years. He was a veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna Hoppert.

Arrangements are incomplete at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

Korea and Vietnam. He retired from the Veterans Administration after 30 years of service in Colorado, Oklahoma and Mississippi.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary C. Hoppert.

Survivors include his son, Paul D. Hoppert of Bay St. Louis, and one brother, Walter J. Hoppert of Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

#### RUFUS J. LUSICH SR.

Rufus J. Lusich Sr., 86, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

#### BERNIE J. NECAISE

Bernie J. Necaice, 77, of Picayune, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997, in Picayune.

Mr. Necaice was a native of Harrison County and a retired park ranger. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alphonse and Magie Necaice.

Survivors include his wife, Dora Necaice of Picayune; two sons, Kelly Necaice and Greg Necaice of Picayune; a daughter, Melissa Ladner of Picayune; a sister, Annie Maude Cuevas of Picayune; six brothers, Donald Necaice of Gulfport and Clarence Necaice, Jack Necaice and Raymond Necaice, all of Pass Christian; Cecil Necaice of Biloxi, and Lonnie Necaice of Bay St. Louis; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Friday evening at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune. Services were conducted Saturday at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Burial was in Necaice Crossing Cemetery.

#### WALTER STRINGER

Walter Stringer, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

#### J. B. TONEY

Mr. J. B. Toney, 74, of Picayune, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, in Picayune.

Mr. Toney was a native of Foxworth, Miss. He was a member of New Galilee Baptist Church in Picayune.

Survivors include a son, James Toney of Waveland, and a stepson, Leroy Toney of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Lois Preston of Waveland; a stepdaughter, Marie Toney of Covington; a brother, A. Z. Toney of Columbia, Miss.; 25 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at Baylous Funeral Home Chapel in Picayune. Services were conducted Saturday in East Jerusalem Baptist Church. Burial was in Picayune Cemetery.

Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune was in charge of arrangements.

#### GEORGE M. WYNNE

George M. Wynne, 77, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997, in Gulfport.

Mr. Wynne was a native of Forest and member of St. James Catholic Church and the D.A.V. He served in the Marine Corps from 1940 to 1943 and retired from the civil service at Denver Federal Center.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Pinnell Wynne of Gulfport, two sons, Michael R.

Wynne of Aurora, Colo., and Kevin Wynne of Perkinston; seven daughters, Mrs. Sheila Nelson of Wiggins, Mrs. Ellen Lorenzana of Gulfport, Mrs. Susan Cameron of Carrollton, Mrs. Margaret Reeves of Perkinston, Mrs. Teresa Bowman of Denham Springs, Mrs. Elizabeth Richard of Pass Christian and Mrs. Loretta Camp of Saucier; 22 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. Sunday at Riemann Funeral Home, Beauvoir Road, Biloxi. A rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m.

A procession will leave the funeral home at 12:45 p.m. Monday and go to St. James Catholic Church on Cowan Road in Gulfport for a 1 p.m. Mass.

Burial will be in St. James Cemetery in Gulfport.

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## "CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Today will mark the 31st Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras parade.

The gala Waveland-Bay St. Louis parade will form at the Chocktaw Plaza Shopping Center and travel east on Highway 90 to McLaurin and Highway 90 West to Waveland Avenue.

Nereids rolls at 1 p.m., and the captain usually starts the parade right on time.

There are a lot of viewing opportunities along Highway 90. The neutral ground (median for foreigners) and shoulders of the highway are good viewing areas.

Many of the parade goers park along the roads crossing the highway. Please remember not to park in driveways or block streets, as emergency vehicles may need to use the roads.

Many parade goers also help by bringing a litter bag along to collect their trash.

Waveland, Bay St. Louis and Hancock County places a lot of effort in trying to keep our roads clear of litter.

The grounds maintenance on Highway 90 is now the best it has ever been, and we all need to show our appreciation by doing our best in not littering.

Anyway, I hope to see you at the Nereids parade this afternoon.

While on the subject of the highway. Since the recent rains several potholes have reactivated along the stretch from Main Street on Highway 90 to the bridge in Bay St. Louis.

The State Department of Transportation (DOT) has attempted to patch the holes, but since it has been so wet, some of the asphalt has not held.

I hope that this section of the highway is in for a complete overlay in the roadwork scheduled along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

I realize that the DOT does its best to keep the potholes patched, but a resurfacing is needed.

Among the parades to come is the Krewe of Diamond-head on Saturday, Feb. 8 at noon; St. Paul's Pass Christian Parade on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m.; and the Bay St. Louis Krewe of Real People on Mardi Gras Day, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.

We will give you more information on those parades as the time nears.

Mardi Gras is a historical celebration for Hancock County and goes back to before the turn of the century.

A display of Mardi Gras doubloons, costumes and headdresses are on display through Feb. 11 at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Highway 90.

This is a good opportunity for newcomers to our area to view some of the past history of Mardi Gras.

The library also has several books on Mardi Gras for patrons.

Our library system and staff have untold information on just about any subject available for residents. If you have not visited our library, you do not know what you are missing.

### Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste.

Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are considered inappropriate for the *Letters to the Editor* columns.

Ellis Cuevas, publisher

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**FROM THE  
MISSISSIPPI HOUSE**  
By Representative  
**J.P. Comprett**

### A weekly summary

Economic and Community Development.

The House also voted to extend the repealers on bills authorizing issuance of bonds under the Major Economic Impact Act and to assist in infrastructure work related to a large industrial project in Hancock County involving mining of lignite coal. The bills do not include any increases in the amount of bonds that may be sold.

The state permit board would be authorized under another House bill to require applicants for water pollution control permits to put up a performance bond or other financial security instrument to help ensure "full and satisfactory" performance under the Air and Water Pollution Control Law.

In addition, the House approved a bill to allow the Department of Agriculture borrow up to \$1,350,000 for renovation and improvements to a building at Mississippi State University for housing the seed testing laboratory and division of plant industry.

And, a bill was approved allowing the Agriculture Commissioner to impose penalties of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for violations of the meat inspection law. The commissioner also could suspend or revoke the license of violators.

Under the plan, employees would receive a basic cost-of-living raise of \$300 starting in July, plus another one percent in the first month following the anniversary date of employment. Workers would be required to have a satisfactory performance-appraisal rating to get the increases.

Many employees—including a large number of those in lower paying jobs—also would be entitled to increases of up to six percent through realignment of salaries.

The realignment component is part of the state's Variable Compensation Plan designed to keep salaries of Mississippi workers competitive with similar jobs in the private sector and government jobs in neighboring states.

The bill was approved by the House with no dissenting votes following an unsuccessful effort to provide an across-the-board raise of \$1,200 for employees. The amendment would have boosted the projected cost of the legislation by more than \$8 million.

The House voted earlier in the session to provide an average 3 percent pay raise for school teachers in the fiscal year starting July 1, 1997, to be followed by similar increases in each of the next two years.

Similar increases are expected to be considered later for faculty and staff at the universities and community colleges.

All of the increases would be in line with recommendations adopted by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee last fall.

In another development, the Appropriations Committee adopted a policy designed to keep proposed expenditures from the state's General Fund from exceeding projected income. A similar policy has been followed by the Committee in recent years.

It calls for Joint Legislative Budget Committee recommendations to be used as a starting point in determining how much money to allocate to agencies and institutions.

Any increase over Budget Committee figures will have to be offset by a corresponding decrease in other areas. And, no funding bills will be sent to the full House until agreement is reached on all budgets, including those originating in the Senate.

A measure was approved by the House to extend a law allowing the issuance of bonds by the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation and Economic Development Corporation, including the Rural Economic Development program, which has been credited

with helping to spur economic development in the state.

Rep. Comprett can be contacted during the Legislative Session in Jackson at (601) 369-3362. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215-1018. The address and telephone number in Bay St. Louis is P.O. Box 128, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 (601) 467-1010.

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# Estimates say state has 7% gambler addiction

BY ED LEPOMA

Latest estimates are that nearly seven percent of Mississippi gamblers are addicted, but there is help locally and nationally.

A telephone poll conducted late last year by the Pennsylvania-based Gemini Research firm interviewed 1,108 state residents over 18. It found 6.8 percent of those interviewed fell into the problem gambler category. Respondents were asked questions about 13 forms of gambling, including bingo.

Aware of the pitfalls, Coast casinos have helped fund a 24-hour toll-free, statewide hotline to the tune of \$100,000 and the state legislature tossed in another \$100,000 to create the non-profit Mississippi Council on Compulsive Gambling.

Its executive director, Dick Lankford, reported from last June to Dec. 31, 739 people had called the hotline manned by certified counselors stationed in Texas.

The Council has also distributed posters in 21 of 30 Mississippi Casinos that says, "Winners know when to Quit."

Last August, the Council held its first training conference ever in Jackson to certify gambling addiction counselors. However, out of 74 Mississippians trained only four were from the Coast.

Another training session was held last November in Jackson for pastors because Kirkland said, "Often, a pastor is the first person someone goes to with problems."

The contractor's tax requires contractors to pay a 3.5 percent tax on all highway contracts. If the contract is for the '87 Program, this 3.5 percent tax is returned to MDOT to be used for additional construction.

If the MDOT contract is for any program other than the '87 Program, this 3.5 percent tax goes into the general fund.

If this law is changed, approximately \$8-10 million per year of your highway user's fee currently being converted to the general fund can be spent on maintaining our roads.

Since good pavement will last approximately 10 years, MDOT should be re-paving approximately 10 percent of the state maintained highways yearly.

Due to the lack of funding, we are able to repave only 3-5 percent annually. With the additional funding generated by redirecting the evaporation provision of the gasoline tax (\$5 million) and the contractor's tax (\$8-10 million), MDOT could repave an additional 200-250 miles of highway, or construct an additional 600 miles of highway shoulders every year.

Realistically, MDOT is aware that the additional funding resulting from legislative action on these two laws would not meet all of our maintenance funding needs; however, it would be a nice step in the right direction without placing further tax burdens on our citizens.

Please consider contacting your legislative representative, and supporting our mission to provide a safe intermodal transportation network that is planned, designed, constructed and maintained in an effective, cost efficient and environmentally sensitive manner. And yes, thank them for the finest highway construction program in the nation.

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The technically sophisticated fuel delivery trucks now in existence prevent loss through evaporation. This deduction is, therefore, a windfall for distributors.

The price per gallon that you pay reflects an \$0.18 per gallon state highway user's fee tax. The distributor remits to the state only .98 percent of the taxes collected and pockets the other 2 percent.

Mississippi law not only provides for the 2 percent across-the-board deduction, it further allows the distributor to deduct the cost of actual reported spillage over 750 gallons.

Environmental regulations require that spills of 25 gallons or more be reported to the state. The distributor can deduct 2 percent windfall if he can prove that he did not report the spill.

Last June, the Casino Operators Association also paid for counselors at Gulf Coast Medical Center to get training to treat gaming addicts.

The Council plans a second training session for counselors in Jackson Feb. 28 and 29, and Kirkland said the advance response has been good. Besides basic counseling, an advanced course will be taught at the same time. Each session costs \$115, Kirkland said.

Kirkland said he hopes to have a training session for pastors on the Coast by this spring and for others by next fall.

"We simply don't have enough trained counselors," said Kirkland, adding, "But, we're making progress."

Persons interested in the training sessions or counseling are urged to call the Council at 601/335-4010.

Last Thursday, the National Center for Responsible Gaming in Kansas City, Missouri announced it has commitments from 13 companies for \$3.1 million to fund research and public education programs about social problems linked to legalized gambling. That money is in addition to the original \$1.8 million pledged to the Center last February by Boyd Gaming and Station Casinos, Inc., which recently opened a large casino in Kansas City.

Among Coast casinos contributing to the Center are Grand Casinos Inc., Boomtown Inc; Circus Circus (which wants to come into Harrison County) and Mirage Resorts Inc., now constructing an 1,800-room hotel

and gambling complex in Biloxi.

Christine Reilly, the Center's executive director, also announced the Center's board of directors has also adopted standards that give funding preference to projects based on scientific merit; an effort to ward off critics, who would accuse the center of holding a gambling bias.

The makeup of the Center's board of directors is also a mix of 10 leaders in the casino industry and 10 from outside business, including those in the medical field.

Gen. Paul Harvey, executive director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, serves on the Center's board.

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## Two charged with farm tractor theft

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

A Kubota farm tractor, reportedly stolen from a farm on the Chester Lee Road, July 6, 1996, in Hancock County was recovered Wednesday in Gulfport, Hancock County Chief Deputy Sheriff Nathan Hoda said.

Investigation into the missing tractor by the Hancock County Sheriff's office and the Mississippi Agricultural Theft Bureau led to an Oct. 21 arrest and a second on Jan. 27, 1997 of two Saucier community residents, Hoda said.

Hoda said, "Charged with the theft of the tractor are Gary Penton, 24, of Saucier, who was arrested on Monday with bond

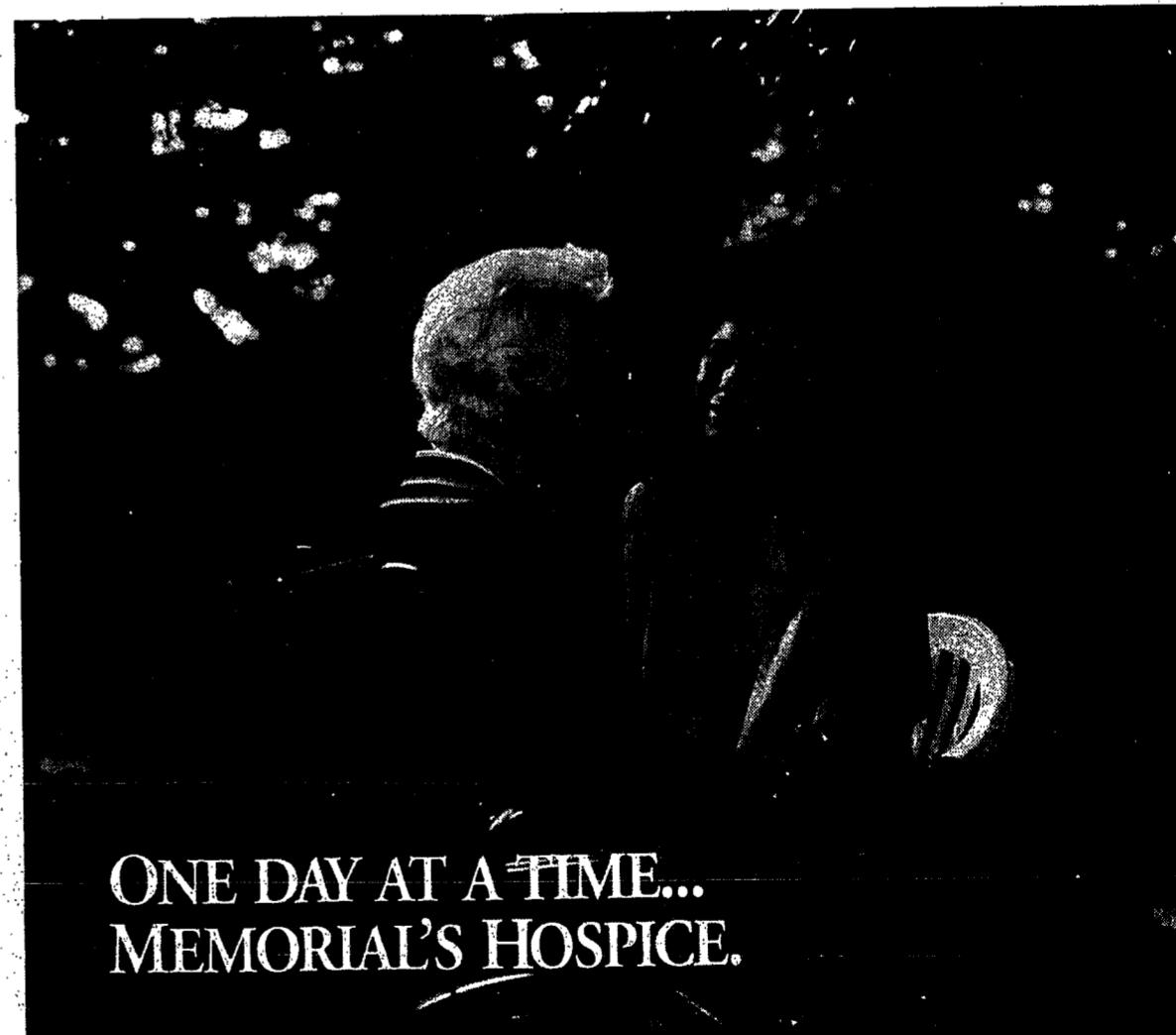
set at \$2,500. Penton is also being held in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility for the Harrison County Sheriff's Department for other charges. On Oct. 21, Robert Dotilla, 42, also of Saucier, was arrested for the theft of the tractor and posted bond," Hoda said.

Investigator Nick Rosetti of the Mississippi Agricultural Theft Bureau was assisted by Hancock County Investigator George Burleson in the investigation.



### Crider honored

Catching Crider was recently recognized at the annual Mississippi Band Masters Association State Band Clinic in Biloxi. Crider displays a plaque awarded to her by the Mississippi Women's Band Director Association for having served as an officer for the last six years. Most recently, Crider served as president of the same organization from 1993-95. She is currently director of bands at Bay High School in Bay St. Louis.



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## Lady Tigers win, streak climbs to 21

BY RICHARD MEEK

Bay High's Lady Tigers held Picayune to a combined five points in the second and third quarters in a 49-28 rout Friday night in Picayune.

The victory was Bay High's 21st straight, and improved the Lady Tigers record to 23-2 overall, 7-1 in District 7, 4A play. Picayune was the last team to beat the Lady Tigers, and that came on Nov. 12 in the district opener.

Christina Bradley led the Lady Tigers with 16 points and five steals. Tyelahama Jordan had 11.

The Lady Tigers led 13-11 at the end of the first quarter before an 11-2 second quarter run.

## Bay High boys eliminated from state playoffs

West Lauderdale scored on a second chance penalty kick to beat Bay High 1-0, eliminating the Tigers from the state soccer playoffs Friday night in Meridian.

"We just didn't play up to our potential," Tiger coach Ken Matthew stated.

Bay High dominated the game from the start, holding West Lauderdale to just one shot on goal from the field.

"We played the whole game on their side of the field," Matthew said. "We took shots but just couldn't hit the net. We couldn't finish up."

Midway through the first

## Junior High Rocks finish season at 8-1-1

The St. Stanislaus Junior High soccer team ended play this week with a win and a tie.

Tuesday they traveled to Mandeville and defeated the Skippers 3-0. After a scoreless first half, Jeffrey Hansell took a pass from the Heaps and sealed the tie. Minutes later, newcomer Matthew Byrd connected with a pass from Nick Benvenutti. Miguel Del Bosque finished the scoring with the assist again going to Heaps.

Also providing help on the offensive end were Drew Cranford and Jimmy Strickland who saw limited time due to an injury.

Defensively, the Rocks shut down their opponents with impressive performances from Bryce Breland, Gene Bourgeois, Evan Tusa, Billy Kenny and Matt Powell who saw action as goalkeeper for the first time.

On Thursday, the Terriers from Vanderbilt Catholic invaded Rock-A-Chaw Stadium. Although outnumbered and outsize, the Junior Rocks capitalized on skills and hustle to take a 1-0 first half lead. The goal was credited to a charging David Heaps after Jeffrey Hansell and Miguel Del Bosque took consecutive shots at the keeper.

Matt Powell returned to his normal midfield position and was assisted by Benvenutti, Cranford, Byrd and Bourgeois. Strickland was again hampered by an injury. The solid defense

increased the lead to 24-13. By the end of three quarters, the Lady Tigers were ahead 36-15.

Picayune was held to two second quarter and three third quarter points.

Hancock Lady Hawks 48, Petal 45 - Jessica Pucheu's scoring and Mindy Ladner's rebounding led the Lady Hawks in a district victory at Petal.

Pucheu led Hancock, 15-9, 4-5, with 25 points. She also recorded six steals.

Mindy Ladner grabbed 11 rebounds and added seven points.

Hancock and Bay High square Tuesday night at Hancock in the Hawks' regular season finale. The district tournament begins Feb. 10 at Bay High.

## TENNIS SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
FEB. 28-MARCH 1 (F-S)	MCCCC TOURNAMENT * Jones (Friday, 1 p.m.) Gulf Coast (Saturday, 8 a.m.) Co-Lin (Saturday, 1 p.m.)	Gulfport
MARCH 7 (F)	HINNS (1 p.m.)	Jackson (Tennis Center)
MARCH 18 (T)	GULF COAST (12 noon)	Pearlville
MARCH 21-22 (F-S)	JONES TOURNAMENT Northeast (Friday, 1 p.m.) Eunice (Saturday, 1 p.m.)	Eunice
MARCH 25 (T)	JONES (1:30 p.m.)	Eunice
APRIL 4 (F)	HINNS (1:30 p.m.)	Pearlville
APRIL 5 (S)	EAST CENTRAL (11 a.m.)	Pearlville
APRIL 8 (T)	EAST CENTRAL (2 p.m.)	Decatur
APRIL 11 (F)	JONES (2 p.m.)	Pearlville
APRIL 18-20 (F-SN)	STATE TOURNAMENT	Jackson (Tennis Center)

(\* Denotes Men's Team Only, (SN) Sunday, (T) Tuesday, (F) Friday, (S) Saturday)

## Palmer course open

Arnold Palmer conjures up legendary images of great golfing. To describe the Coast's newest golf course, images of greatness also come to mind along with words like beautiful, challenging, enjoyable and refreshing.

The opening of Palmer's latest course, the Bridges Golf Resort at Casino Magic Bay, St. Louis, has been greatly anticipated since its construction began in 1995. Today the \$12 million course officially opened for play.

The par 72 course offers golfers 18 challenging holes with four sets of tees. Each hole offers an individual layout with scenic views of lakes, wetlands, the casino's marina and even the Bay of St. Louis. There are 23 cart bridges that are strategically placed to carry players from hole to hole. In addition to the course, the facility also encompasses a 17,259 square foot clubhouse, an Arnold Palmer Golf Academy (one of only five in the U.S.) and an 11-acre practice facility.

The clubhouse includes classrooms for Academy instruction, men's and women's locker rooms, a retail shop and a bar and grill overlooking the 18th green. In the warmer months, guests can enjoy a cocktail or dinner on the patio overlooking the 18th green and practice putting green. While these amenities are usually associated with a private club, The Bridges is open to the public. Green and cart fees per person are \$75.

According to director of golf, Joel Jacobson, "Our green fee is slightly higher than some of the other area courses, but there are no other courses of this quality either."

Public relations manager, Christian Reese, said, "We offer great overnight packages and corporate packages for groups. We are also open to hosting local tournaments."

Magic officials noted that they hope to have a grand opening celebration for the public in the near future when Arnold Palmer can attend.

To book a tee time, call 1-800-5-Magic-5.

## Park Ten bowling results

Jan. 29 Ladies Night Out

High Games: Gerry Baden 223 - 203, Darnell Wenninger 245, Deanne Thompson 200 - 216, Diane Whittle 202, Suzi Isley 231, Debbie Rath 247

High Series

Hilda Bourg 527, Gerry Baden 608, Christina Bane 533, Peggy May 524, Darnell Wenninger 563, Deanne Thompson 597, Diane Whittle 545, Suzi Isley 609, Debbie Rath 591

Jan. 30

Thursday Mixed Nuts  
Jeff Munyan 213, 201-601, J. Higgins 204, Ed McLaughlin 202, 202, Murry Palmer 223, Ken Kepping 218, Bob Saucier 211

Diamondhead Women's Golf results

Jan. 30, Scramble  
First place team — score 72

Susan Motycka, Margaret Hill, Ann Adams and Joan Weinberg

Second place team — score 76

Sylvia Cordon, Bobbie Saucier, Becky Jordan and Neva Seara

Third place team — score 77

Bonnie Rolda, Kathy Crouch, Jo Ann Smith and Marilyn Valentino

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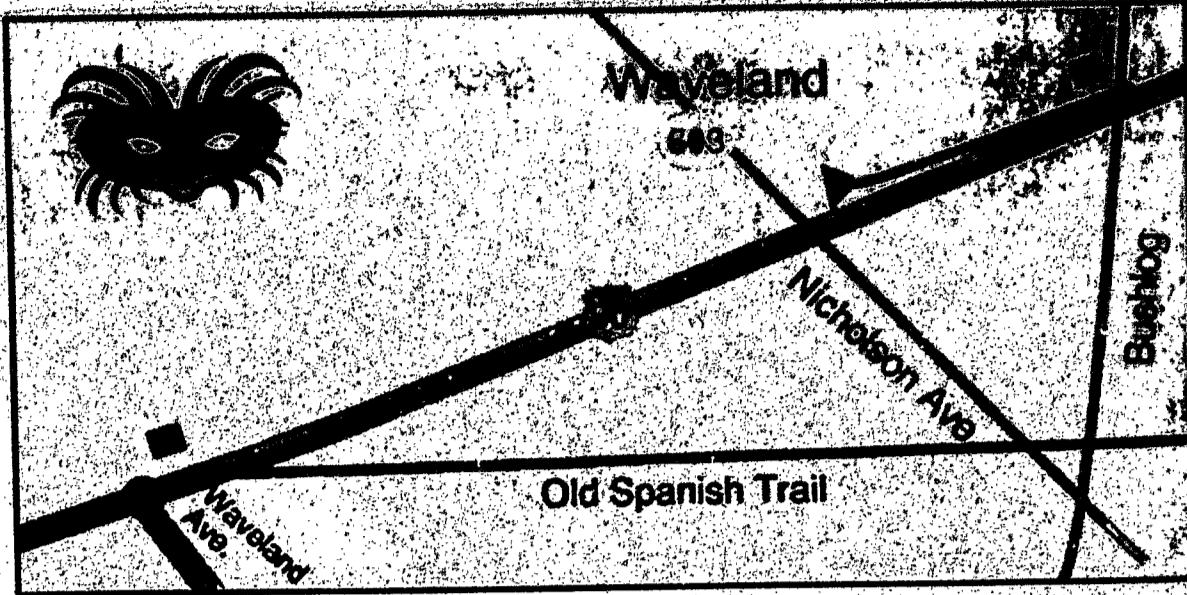
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## Krewe of Nereids parade lineup

1. Police Units
2. Waveland Fire Department
3. Other Fire Departments
4. Color Guard — Bay St. Louis Police Department
5. JROTC Color Guard and Marching Unit from Hancock High School (100 members)
6. Waveland Police Car
7. Hancock High School Band, Mark Richards, Director (73 members)
8. Nereids Captain
9. Queen Doris XXXI — Personifying one of America's most unsung parades, the Mississippi Gulf Coast
10. Ole Biloxi Marching Club (40 members with sound truck)
11. Nereids Title Float — The Krewe of Nereids presents Nereids Stays Home.
12. Band No. 1 — Danny Satchfield and the Shades
13. Officers of Nereids — Portraying the Majestic Oaks that dominate the Mississippi Gulf Coast.
14. Gulf Coast Newcomers "Magnolias" (30 members with sound truck)
15. Dukes of Nereids' Float — Depicting Folk Customs of Carnival and Mardi Gras of the Mississippi Gulf Coast
16. Diamondhead Highsteppers (18 members with sound truck)
17. Maids Float No. 1 — "Sailing the Serene Waters of the Sound"
18. Band No. 2 — Bo and Miss Dee
19. Nereids Float No. 1 — Gulf Coast Famous Cuisine (no entry listed)
20. Maids' Float No. 2 — "The Southern Grace of Beauvoir"
22. Band No. 3 — Jeremy Turcotte and Kung Fu Grip
23. Nereids Float No. 2 — We Have It All
24. Band No. 4 — Hozey and Brown
25. Maids' Float No. 3 — NASA's Space Center
26. Joppa Shrine Temple Oriental Band from Gulfport (30 members riding on a 30-foot trailer pulled by an automobile)
27. Nereids Float No. 3 — Cruising on the Gulf
28. Bay High School Tiger Pride Marching Band (65 members)
29. Police Car
30. Maids' Float No. 4 — "Achievements in the Arts"
31. Krewe of Selene Marching Group (24 members with sound truck)
32. Nereids Float No. 4 — The Key to the Future
33. St. Stanislaus Marching Band (40 members)
34. Police Car
35. Maids' Float No. 5 — The Bountiful Riches of the Gulf
36. Band No. 5 — Keith Hoda's Band
37. Nereids Float No. 5 — Gulf Coast Festivals
38. Bay St. Louis Little Theater (10 walkers with sound)
39. Maids' Float No. 6 — "Mardi Gras, Mississippi Style"
40. Band No. 6 — Carlie Draughn & Peieress
41. Nereids Float No. 6 — Fun on the Beach
42. Mercy Cross High School Band (40 members)
43. Police Car
44. Nereids Float No. 7 — Gospel Tradition
45. Hadji Shrine Temple — Little Cars
46. Nereids Float No. 8 — Try Your Luck
47. Radio Van
48. Nereids Float No. 9 — Sportsman's Paradise
49. Magic 93.7 Radio Van
50. Eros No. 1 — Harley Hogs
51. WZKX-Kicker 108
52. Eros No. 2 — Easy Riders
53. Krewe of Vishna — Total Length 60'
54. Krewe of Good Times — Total Length 60'
55. American Legion State of Mississippi 1996 Miss Poppy Tracy Melbourne
56. Krewe of Komotion — Tri Axle Double Deck Float 43' Total Length
57. Krewe of Who Dat — Total Length 51'
58. 1996 American Legion Unit 39 Little Miss Poppy Jessica Cowie
59. Krewe of Grand — 40' plus tractor
60. KKNR-FM Van with K9 mascot and music
61. Krewe of Glass — 40'
62. Convertible — Herbert Dubuisson
63. Krewe of L'Admier — 60'
64. 1996 American Legion Post 139 Miss Poppy Cassie Collier
65. Krewe of Kids featuring the Big Chiefs — 82'
66. Krewe of "WHO" — 50'
67. Order of Eastern Stars — Convertible
68. Krewe of Apollo — 20' plus truck
69. Miss Mississippi Gulf Coast Meagan Melancon
70. Krewe of ROUD — 36'
71. WXXV Fox 25 — 45'
72. Stennis Space Center Mardi Gras Krewe — Total Length 48'
73. South Mississippi Lawmen's Association — 30'
74. Hee Haw Gang — 40' float pulled by semi tractor
75. Rex Distributing Company Inc. Antique Budweiser Delivery Truck 34'
76. Hancock Medical Center Krewe of Medicus — 75' Total Length
77. Parker's Parades — Antique Fire Truck Float — 42'
78. Knights of Columbus — 20' pulled by tractor
79. Casino Magic — Business Sponsored Total Length 60'
80. Krewe of Ledish — 19' pulled by pickup
81. Cafe Jordan
82. Jobs for Mississippi Grads
83. Krewe of Kurtain Klimbers — 20' plus pickup
84. Joey Temple
85. Two Military Vehicles
86. ACE Towing and Recovery

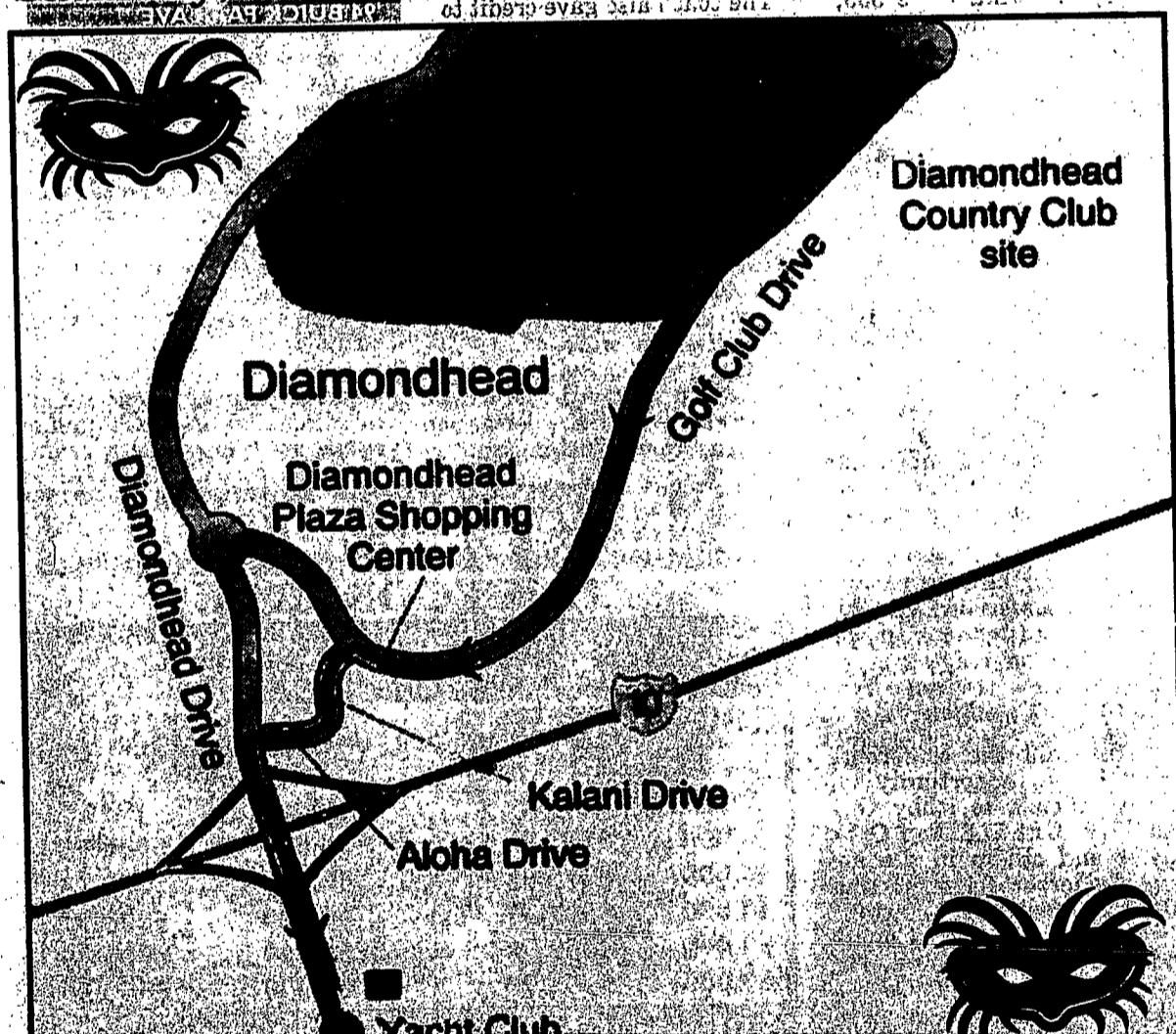
## KREWE OF NEREIDS

Sunday, Feb. 2, 1 p.m.



## KREWE OF DIAMONDHEAD

Saturday, Feb. 8, 12 noon



## PASS CHRISTIAN PARADE

Sunday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m.



## Krewe of SCOWI holds ball

The Krewe of SCOWI held its 17th annual ball on Saturday night in Waveland.

The theme was "Broadway."

The queen was Mrs. Ruby Thomas of Bay St. Louis. Thomas is the mother of eight, and has 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Thomas is a member of Our Lady of The Gulf Catholic Church, the American Legion Unit 77 Auxiliary and a R.S.V.P. volunteer.

Rotarian of the Year in 1983-84. He is a member of Barry Lodge No. 367, A.F. & A.M., and a life member of American Legion Post No. 77 in Waveland. He served in the Korean War.



## Mardi Gras to highlight libraries' story hours

"Get Ready for Mardi Gras" will be the theme of the children's story hour at the Kiln Library Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 10:30 a.m.

*Gaston Goes to Mardi Gras* and *Mardi Gras Dictionary* are books to be read. Children will also make Mardi Gras masks.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one hour.

The Kiln Library hosts a story hour every other Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. These programs last about 30 minutes.

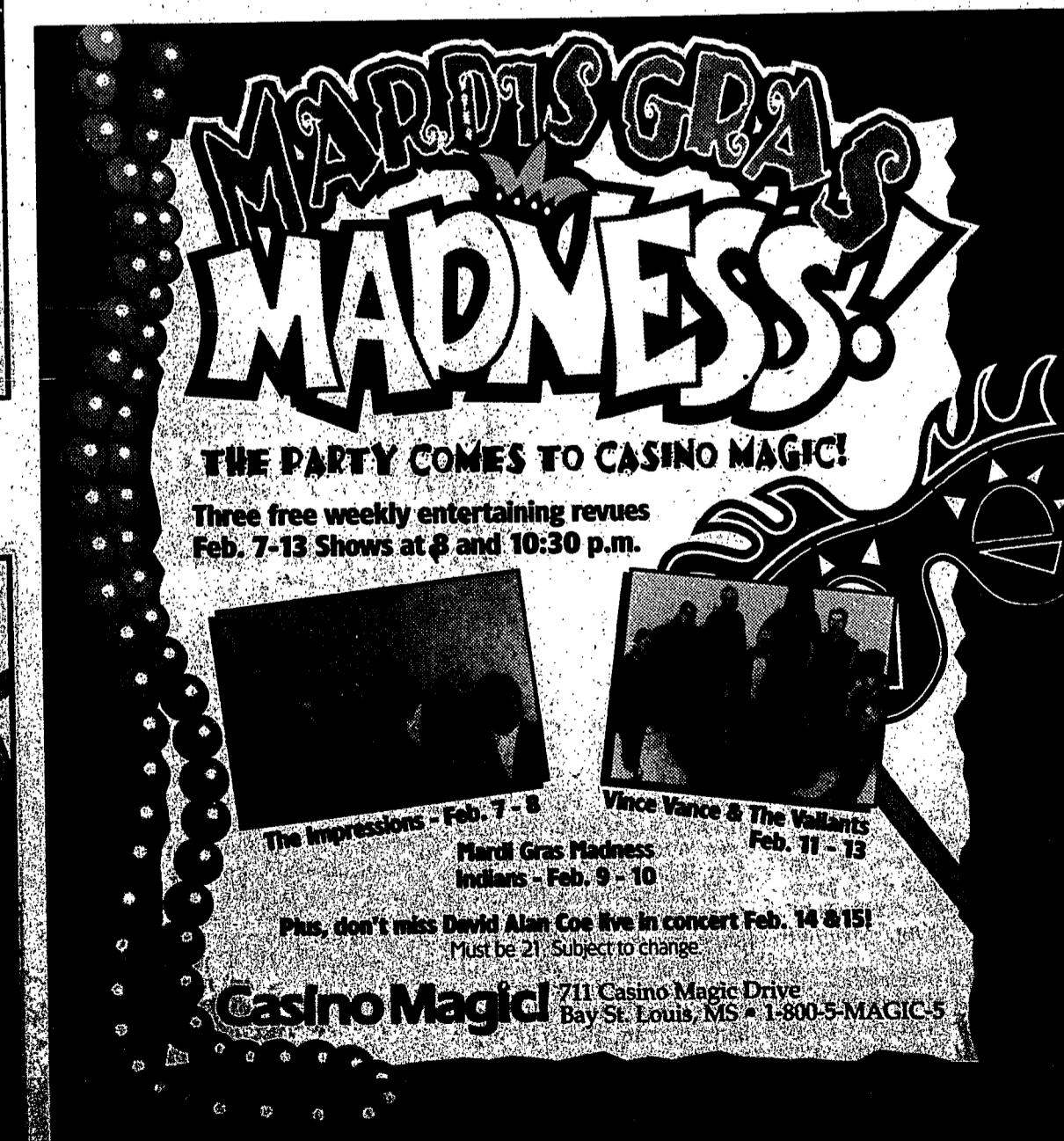
Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724.



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### Pre-school classroom

The four year old pre-schoolers at Bay Catholic Elementary are currently housed in a separate building at the school, shown above. Expansion plans for the school include bringing the pre-schoolers into the main building. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)

## Catholic School Week

Bay Catholic Elementary Principal Myrna Jordan reads a proclamation to students declaring last week Catholic Schools Week. Special events were held all week, including open house, a special liturgy, in-house registration and Teacher, Community and Student Appreciation Days. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet).

## Stennis works with school testing

Stennis Space Center has been sending its engineers back to school. It's not that they need the extra credit; they're helping seventh- and eighth-grade students learn to use a pilot software program at Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL) School in Slidell.

GEODESY is a software program designed to teach geography curriculum to students in grades K-12. Berkely GeoResearch Group of Orinda, Calif., developed the software through the NASA Earth Observation Commercial Application Program (EOCAP) at Stennis.

EOCAP is a co-investment partnership between U.S. business and NASA to use remote sensing and related technologies to create and test market new products. Berkeley was selected as an EOCAP partner in 1994 to develop GEODESY.

Susan Radke, president of Berkely GeoResearch Group, came to Stennis with the idea of creating an interactive, multimedia-based remote sensing and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) computer teaching program.

It includes satellite images from the students' individual communities, which in turn allows them to view, manipulate and analyze the images and information. Students learn to understand concepts and analyze geographic information, while at the same time learn computer skills.

Remote sensing uses sensors that are mounted on an aircraft and spacecraft to look at the Earth. GIS is a computerized way to take an in-depth look at a specific area on Earth. Pic-

tures, or imagery obtained by these systems, may be referenced to a latitude and longitude coordinate system to produce current maps.

Stennis personnel in the Commercial Remote Sensing Program (CRSP) office worked with Radke to develop the software program into a simple, user friendly teaching program for students.

Once the initial development was complete, Stennis personnel began helping her test market the product. Radke chose three different types of schools to try the software:

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School in Orinda, Calif., a public elementary school; Andrew Jackson High School in Chalmette, La., a public magnet school; and OLL, a private, parochial middle school.

"GEODESY gives the students an opportunity to view their community in a way they never have before. The technology allows them to explore their home town and encourages them to ask questions about the geography of the area," said Vicki Zanoni with the CRSP office at Stennis.

Stennis employers have provided assistance to students at OLL and Andrew Jackson. They are providing maps of the areas and information about the sensors that collect remote sensing data. CRSP engineers have also been worked to develop both a self-paced and a basic remote sensing tutorial to complement GEODESY.

"I've been in education for several years now, and I realize how important technology is

when it's used smartly in the schools. You can't just buy a lot of expensive computers and throw them into the classrooms.

Students show a lot of interest in the technology, especially when it's combined with the contents of the area. Because students are familiar with the information provided in GEODESY, it's more exciting to learn about than what's in the textbooks," said Steve Nichols, assistant principal at OLL.

## Asst. Secretary addresses conference

Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition John W. Douglass served as keynote speaker for the Mississippi Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) in Jackson Jan. 28.

The annual event examined Mississippi's science and technology infrastructure.

EPSCoR is a program carried out in seven federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, to help increase the research and development base in eligible states. Mississippi is one of 18 states and one territory earning competitive funding in the program.

The Mississippi program includes Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, The University of Southern Mississippi, The University of Mississippi, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

## Teacher Exchange program

The Center for Creative Scholars at William Carey College will host the "Teacher Exchange," an innovative program designed for teachers of gifted children Saturday, Feb. 22 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Hattiesburg campus.

The program is designed to offer teachers of gifted children a resource when they can learn a variety of teaching techniques and obtain information from their peers.

The exchange is divided into two parts. The first part of the day will offer teachers a chance to exchange ideas and materials that they have found to be successful in their classroom.

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house heat any more quickly," Graham said.

Also remember to change filters once a month. Clean filters help maintain clean air and provide a more efficient system.

"When a filter is dirty, the heating system has to work harder," Graham said.

People who live in homes with fireplaces should realize that an open damper is a way for heat to escape the house.

"Fireplaces don't have a forced air system, so a good bit of heat from a fire can exit through the chimney instead of coming into the room and house. But even when the fireplace is not used, heat from another system can escape easily through an open damper," Graham said.

"Caulk around all windows and doors to form a tight seal," Graham said. "Cold air can seep into a house through unsealed spaces."

The housing specialist also recommended weather striping around doors and windows to close gaps.

Set thermostats on the lowest comfortable temperature during the cooler seasons.

"A person saves about 3 percent on their heating costs for every degree lower they set their thermostats from the norm," Graham said. "The federal government suggests that 68 degrees is about the lowest comfortable temperature setting," Graham said.

Turn off the heat before leaving the house and do not

Saturday, Feb. 15, the Crosby Arboretum will hold a tree and shrub sale from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

This one-day-only sale will feature great plants at reasonable prices. And, you can landscape with hard-to-find native trees and shrubs.

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## Union Planters declares income, stock dividend

Union Planters Corporation has reported 1996 annual net earnings of \$133.7 million, or \$1.92 per fully diluted common share, compared to net earnings of \$128.8 million, or \$2.64 per fully diluted common share in 1995.

For the fourth quarter of 1996, net earnings were \$11.4 million or \$1.15 per fully diluted common share, compared to \$35.3 million, or \$5.53 per fully diluted common share for the fourth quarter of 1995. Results for 1996 were reduced by merger-related and other charges of approximately \$66 million after taxes.

The reported results reflect the acquisition of five financial institutions in the fourth quarter, including Memphis-based Leader Financial Corporation (Leader Federal), which increased total assets approximately \$4.2 billion. Results for prior years have been restated for the Leader Federal acquisition.

Union Planters Corporation, the largest bank holding company headquartered in Tennessee, ended the year with total

Stock, an 18.5% increase over the previous quarterly dividend of \$27 per share.

Additionally, the board of directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$50 per share on Union Planters Corporation 8% Series E Preferred Stocks. The dividends are payable Feb. 17, 1997 to shareholders of record on Feb. 3, 1997.

Union Planters Corporation, headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., is a multi-state bank holding company with 38 banking subsidiaries and 444 banking locations in Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama and Kentucky.

assets of \$15.2 billion, an increase of 35% over the originally reported 1995 total assets of \$11.3 billion.

At Dec. 31, 1996, total loans were \$10.4 billion, total deposits were \$11.5 billion and total shareholders' equity was \$1.4 billion, the highest level in the corporation's history.

The board of directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$32 per share (\$1.28 per share on an annual basis) on Union Planters Corporation Common

## Grand opening

Prudential Bailey Real Estate, Inc., recently celebrated the grand opening of their new office at 445 Yacht Club Drive in Diamondhead. Participating in the ribbon cutting are Cindy Vernon, front row at left, Lisa Coward, Larry Hasbrouk, Barbara Blaides, Norris Songe, Annette Bodden, Loyce Schlessi, and back row from left, Sylvia Widdershoven, Jimmy Jones, Irma Martin, Jody Broussard, Sherri Kunze, Christine Phillips and Shirley Seymour.

## Labor regulations seminar scheduled

A seminar titled "Labor Regulations for Small Business" will be held Tuesday, Feb. 18, 8:10:30 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Business Technology Center at 1636 Popp's Ferry Road in Biloxi.

Jack Cavanaugh of the U.S. Department of Labor will present an overview of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and other laws enforced by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.

Topics will include:  
Fair Labor Standards Act:  
Record Keeping  
Requirements:  
Family Medical Leave Act

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The information will be presented from 8:30-10:30 a.m. with a question-and-answer period to follow. Fee is \$15 pre-registered or \$20 at the door.

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## Nereids parade rolls today

By Sheila McCarthy

Queen Doris XXXI shares her reign today over the Krewe of Nereids with King Nereus XXXI, Allen J. Koskan, MD. A practicing ophthalmologist, Dr. Koskan personified the Krewe's celebration this year of the *fabled Gulf Coast of Mississippi*.

Dr. Koskan and his wife, Irene, also a physician, first brought their family to Waveland 16 years ago.

"I found that the Coast offered everything we were looking for: a peaceful and safe place to raise our family, the serene beauty of the Gulf of Mexico, a rich and spicy cuisine, and wonderful people to us," Koskan adds. "The Coast has the best of it all."

Asked what he'd do if he weren't a doctor, Koskan responded, "I'd be doing something on the water, or I'd be farming." As soon as the Mardi Gras hoopla is over, his majesty plans to spend more time at his farm in Saucier where he raises as pets what he describes as "bucket cows" and red tag deer.

He and his wife and two daughters, Maria and Alexis, have themselves planted almost a thousand pines, oaks

and cypress on the farm over the past eight to 20 years.

"We've watched them grow to over 20 feet now," he proudly adds.

Serving as dukes to his majesty are Messrs. Jerry Murray, Jim Hampton, Art Young, Gregory D. Dossett, Gary "Happy" Gaines and Gary Roche.

Pages to their majesties are Kathryn Taylor Heath, daughter and stepdaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stanbro and daughter of John Heath; Marissa Elizabeth Turcotte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Turcotte; Caitlin Rae Whitfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Whitfield; and Amelia Leigh Handshoe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Keith Handshoe.

In keeping with tradition, the identities of Queen Doris and her maids are never revealed.

The royalty and Krewe of Nereids continues 31 years of revelry today as the parade rolls through the Bay-Waveland area beginning at 1 p.m. The krewe's theme, "Nereids Stays Home" invites one and all to celebrate one of America's rarest treasures, the Gulf Coast of Mississippi.

## Library receives MLA public relations award

The Hancock County Library System received the 1997 Outstanding Public Relations Award at the Mississippi Library Association's annual National Library Week Conference and Legislative Reception in Jackson.

Prima Plauche, director of the library system, was presented the award by Toni Jones, chairman of the Mississippi Library Association's Awards Committee. The award recognized *Renaissance — The Revival of a Community*, the library's mosaic mural as the "best effort by a library to publicize library services around a single theme or event."

## Hancock County groups join MDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program

Transportation Commissioner Ronnie Shows praised three Hancock County groups for adopting sections of highway during 1996 to keep litter-free.

Shows said adopting sections of highway in Hancock county include Post 58 Volunteer Fire & Rescue in Pass Christian and the Bayou Laterre Hunting Club and Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, both in Bay St. Louis.

Shows said groups and residents joining the Mississippi Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Adopt-A-Highway Program are important to the entire community.

"Members of these groups are assisting MDOT by working to improve 'Mississippi,'" said Shows. "Their commitment to preserving our state's natural

beauty is highly commendable and greatly appreciated."

The Adopt-A-Highway Program was established to provide an opportunity for public involvement in keeping Mississippi highway litter-free. Individuals, civic clubs, non-profit organizations and commercial enterprises are encouraged to adopt a section of highway to assist in achieving a litter-free roadway system.

Shows said Adopt-A-Highway members gain satisfaction by contributing to their community and state in a positive way.

Others in Hancock county wishing to join the Adopt-A-Highway Program should contact Ann Schuck, MDOT District 6 Maintenance Office, 6100 Hwy. 57, Ocean Springs, MS 39564 or call 875-2802.

## 'He Said, She Said'

The Center for Women's Health of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport will sponsor a program especially for men and women entitled "He Said, She Said," Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Orange Grove Community Center at 13472 Hwy. 90 in Orange Grove.

Purpose is to explore the differences and similarities between the male and female modes of communication and how bridges can be built between those sometimes very different methods of expression. The value of respect to a relationship, emotional needs and keeping love alive will also be addressed.

Speakers are Helen Hefner, EdD, individual, marriage and family therapy, and K. Edwin Graham, PhD, individual, mar-

riage and family therapy.

The program is free, and light refreshments will be served before the sessions. For information, contact the Center for Women's Health at 864-4273.

## Poetry contest

A new poetry contest is being sponsored by the Texas Poetry Alliance, a liberal arts organization whose goal is to excite interest in poetry. The grand prize is \$1,000.

To enter, send one poem only (21 lines or less) to: Poetry Contest, 1712 E. Riverside Dr., Suite 147, Austin, Texas 78741-1320.

For just 79¢ get this scrumptious sausage 79¢ For just 79¢ get a delicious Whopper Jr. 79¢

10,000 entries will be submitted every year.

For questions, call Ron Meyers at 896-9386. Deadline for entries is Feb. 10.



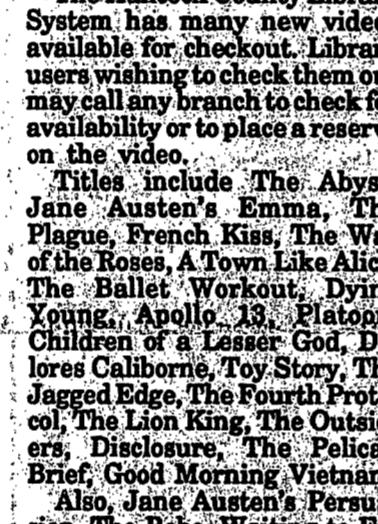
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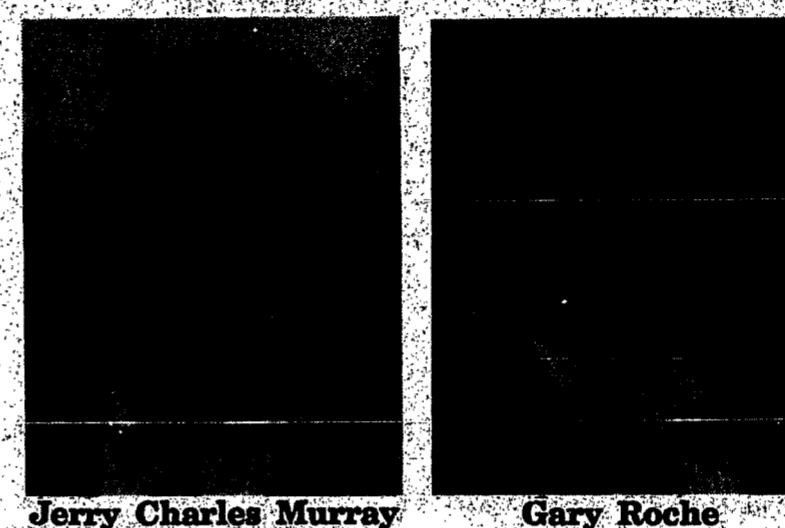
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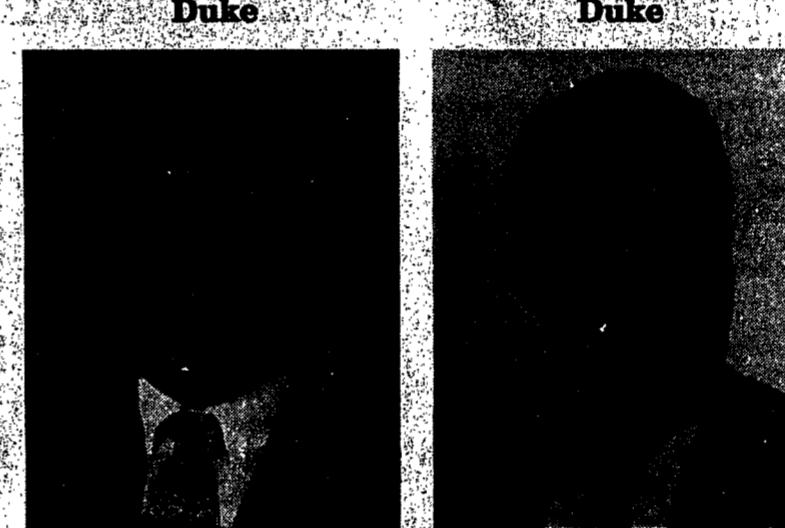
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Caitlin Rae Whitfield Duke



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Allen J. Koskan, M.D.



Amelia Leigh Handshoe  
Page to the Queen



Marissa Elizabeth Turcotte  
Page to the King

**A giveaway so rich, you'll have money to burn.**

**The '80,000 Money To Burn Giveaway**



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Saturday, Feb. 29, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 30, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 31, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 1, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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# COMMUNITY

## Diamondhead Boaters Coronation Ball

The Diamondhead Boaters Association Krewe of Kameha meha presented its 23rd annual coronation ball on Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Broadwater Resort East in Biloxi - traditionally held by the krewe during the customary opening of the Carnival Season.

This year's theme was Ten Lords a Leaping and the ball-

room was appropriately decorated.

Mistress of Ceremony, Mrs. Shirley Blanchflower, welcomed visiting royalty and announced the entrance of 1996 Jesse Morgan and Kathy Wood. They presented the Dolphin Award, an honor be- stowed on krewe members who have served in an extra-

ordinary manner to Commode Tim Holt. He is one of only eight recipients in the krewe's 23 year history.

King Akua Kai XXIII-Elect Frank Gasper and Queen-Elect Rusty Cobb made their grand entrance and promenade. They received their crowns and scepters in traditional cere-

mony from King Jesse and Queen Kathy after which King Frank offered a toast to their loyal subjects declaring the official beginning of Carnival festivities.

Both of the new royalty and their spouses have resided in Diamondhead and been members of the Boaters Association since 1989. Gasper is currently an association board member.

The 1997 Royal Court includes C.B. Blanchflower, Equerry; Mrs. Carolyn Powers, Lady-in-Waiting; Maids, Mrs. Gena Cook and Mrs. Pamela Marshall; Dukes, Mr. William Powers and Mr. Larry Smith.

Current Association Board members are Commodore Tim Holt, Vice-Commodore Kathy Wood, Secretary Bernice Johnston Turner, Treasurer Pat Morgan, and Directors R.B. Boatright, Stan Cremer and Frank Gasper.

General chairs of the 1997 coronation ball were Jesse and Pat Morgan with committee members Toni Cumming, Marion Kollasch, Pam Marshall, Doris Gendusa, Teresa Rankin, Elaine Smith, Ruth Moran and Eileen Zeringue.



King and Queen for 1996 were Jesse Morgan and Kathy Wood.



King Akua Kai Frank Gasper and Queen Rusty Cobb reign during the 1997 Carnival Season.



Commodore Tim Holt receives Dolphin Award.



## WVPI-TV

## MENUS

Feb. 27  
Milk served daily  
for breakfast  
and lunch.

Bay St. Louis  
Waveland  
School District

## BREAKFAST

Monday — Juice, Cereal and Cinnamon Toast or Buttered Grits and Toast.

Tuesday — Juice, Cereal and Toast or Scrambled Eggs and Toast.

Wednesday — Juice, Cereal and Toast or Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit.

Thursday — Juice, Cereal and Toast or Sausage Biscuit.

Friday — Juice, Cereal and Toast or Cheese Toast.

## LUNCH

Monday — Chicken Fillet on Bun, Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Coleslaw, French Fries, Fruited Jello with Topping, Seasoned Cornbread.

Tuesday — Stromboli and Pickle or Tuna Salad on Lettuce, Buttered Peas, French Fries, Chilled Fruit, Saltine Crackers.

Wednesday — Burrito with Chili and Cheese, Chicken Tetrazzini, Blackeyed Peas, Glazed Carrots, Fruit Crisp, Hot Roll.

Thursday — Barbecued Beef on Bun or Spaghetti and Meat sauce, Garden Salad, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots, Fruit Cup, Hot Roll.

Friday — Fried Chicken or Cheeseburger with Trimming, Rice and Gravy, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Calico Fruit, Devil's Food Delight, Hot Roll.

Hancock  
High School

Served daily:  
Chef Salad, Bread,  
Dessert and Milk.

## LUNCH

Monday — Catfish, Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans, Chilled Peaches, Yeast Rolls.

Or Hot Dog with Chili, Baked Beans, Peaches.

Or Pizza, French Fries, Peaches.

Or Chicken Patty on Bun, W.K. Corn, Applesauce, Cornbread.

Or Corn Dog with Mustard, W.K. Corn, Applesauce.

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Wednesday — Taco, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, French Fries, Orange Slices.

Or Vegetable Beef Stew, Steamed Rice, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Orange Slices.

Or Pizza, French Fries, Orange Slices.

Thursday — Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes with Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Yeast Rolls.

Or Hot Dog with Chili, Baked Beans, Peaches.

Or BBQ Beef on Bun, French Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Pudding.

Or Chicken Patty on Bun, W.K. Corn, Applesauce.

Wednesday — Taco, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, French Fries, Orange Slices.

Or Vegetable Beef Stew, Steamed Rice, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Orange Slices.

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Or BBQ Beef on Bun, French Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Pudding.

Friday — Pizza, Tater Tots, Fresh Apples.

Or Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Apples.

Or Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tater Tots, Fresh Apples.

Or Corn Dog with Mustard, W.K. Corn, Applesauce.

**HONOR****St. Stanislaus High School****FIRST SEMESTER PRESIDENT'S LIST—ALL A'S**

Cherubin Alcalde, Adam Brubacher, Sherwin Leung (7th); Court Bonia, Cody Daggett, Hunter Dawkins, Gary Leung, Albert Li, Reid Stone, Dustin Tasker, (8th);

Mark Cerasier, Edward Flores, Travis Futch, Morris Hamilton, Alan Jensen, Chris Lierman, Dimitri Sifianos, David Taylor, (9th); Jonathan Gagnon, Claudio Iombo, Denny Li, David Oliver, Roger Ridgeway, Kris Schaumburg, Justin Wadsworth (10th); Benjamin Crowell, Brian Geiger, Christian Marrione, Douglas Radzynski, Jerome Washington (11th); Michael Mancuso, Robbie Morrison, (12th).

**ALPHA**

Kenna Ezealab, (6th); Brent Acker, Brian Butler, Edward Cranford, Angel Del Bosque, Charlie Floyd, Jarrod Gilmore, Jamie Grimsley, Stephen Kulikowski, Brian Landry, Patrick May, Robert Mayne, Sebastian Nieves, Edward Renz, Brian Sy, (7th).

Alex Benke, Nicholas Benvenuti, Andrew Buchler, Nick Burke, Mauri Cardenas, John Cart, Neil Favre, David Haapa, Matthew Judd, James McDonald, Chris Menai, John Michael Pela, Mike Ryan, Joel Tate (8th).

Matthew Adam, Jordan Blaize, Matthew Cheatham, Aaron Coates, John Dours, Garret Garcia, Willie Golden, B.J. Kael, Justin King, Mylon Labat, Dawson McCall, Neil Norton, B.J. Peralta, Robert Prichard, (9th).

Eric Bustamante, David Byrne, Geoff Clausen, Daniel Delblanc, Charlie Doty, Jeffrey Eiken, Brandon Everett, Paul Farve, Steven Knight, Greg LeBlanc, Patrick Lee, Matthew Monti, Joseph Pearce, Rodrigo Pons, Jona Reyburn, Brian Waguespack, (10th).

Sarmad Ashar, David Canale, Andrew Crosby, Jac Currie, Mark Gagnon, Ryan Lawrence, Richard Mestayer, Scot Modenbach, Danh Nguyen, Russell Preston, Olan Suthivej, Ryan Tracy (11th).

Daylan Bailey, Timothy Banden, Charles Black, Johnathan Blanchard, Gordon Bohn, Kippy Chamberlain, Matt Dilleneker, Liam Fitzpatrick, John Genin, Drew Ladner, Thomas Mallin, Alex McIngvale, Ty McMichael, Mark Modenbach, Jason Worrell (12th).

**BETA**

Matt Bennett, Michael Clark, Paul Thibodeaux, (6th); Mark Ashley, Sean Benoit, Rick Benvenuti, Blake Biblo, Bryce Breland, Brennan Brooks, Taylor Buttsworth, Erik Casano, Ross Dellerger, Rodrigo Diaz, Michael DiVincent, Michael Hester, Britt Hornanski, Justin Lee, Eric Maya, Jojo McGhee, James Peterson, Ben Puckett, Chas Seabolt, Lucien Shaw, Corey Willis, (7th).

Brandon Arcement, Dennis Barber, Jesse Battle, Gene Bourgeois, Zach Butterworth, Cameron Byrne, Michael Carter, Aaron Christian, Patrick Clark, Chris Clayton, Evan Coote, Billy D'Angelo, Arturo Flores, Hutch Gregory, Jeremy Harrison, Fred Heidelberg, T. J. Holton, Kenneth Jones, Kent Maddox, Shane McCubbin, Andrew Nestor, Gerzon Nyiri, Chad Powell, Joey Wehrmann, (8th).

Chad Aplin, Mark Berger, Brian Bourn, Patrick Burke, Rimmer Covington, Kenneth Crawford, Zeke Davis, Chad Develle, Todd Geary, Ken Harchbarger, Brandon Lewis, Andy Manieri, Brad Marks, Martin Maxwell, T. J. McKeough, Trey Motes, Jeremy Necaise, Ashley Piazza, Lance Pope, Joey Slipher, Matt Thompson, (9th).

Alex Bahlburg, Nathan Canon, John Chilimigas, Jamie Cuevas, Rodney Cuevas, Jeremy Edwards, Clinton Fine, Blaine Griffith, Justin Gunter, Seth Holt, Kyle Kidd, Joseph Kuhner, Paul Ladner, Justin Marcellus, Brandon Montana, Michael Rhinehart, Nathan Russo, Matthew Sealethe, Jeremy Slimmer, Thomas Tunfitt, Scott Wallace, (10th).

Branden Barker, Derek Bradley, Scott Cappelen, Jeremy Clark, Scott Courage, Samuel Crowell, Christopher Davis, Thomas Diaz, Brian Finnila, Andy Jacobson, Matt Jones, Grant Landry, Fredric Lewis, Craig Patterson, Andy Platt, Andrew Rice, Eric Stoltz, (11th).

Glenn Bohne, Jason Chiniche, Gabriel De La Fuente, Daniel Haward, Whitney Johns, Evan Katai, John Ludlow, Brian McDonald, Marc Mortimer, Joey Niole, Scott Simpson, James Wadsworth, Buckley Wilkinson, (12th).

**Dominion Christian Academy****Fourth Quarter Kindergarten**

Alpha: Michelle Howell, Ashley Hoda, Alyssa Ladner.

Beta: Steven Clark, Chris Remillard.

Alpha: Hannah Redford, Beta: Johanna Falcon, William Johnson-Pitter.

Alpha: Heide Redford.

Beta: Dora Favre, Christina McNeil, Mindy Wooley.

**First Semester Kindergarten**

Alpha: Michelle Howell, Ashley Hoda, Alyssa Ladner.

Beta: Chris Remillard.

Alpha: Steven Clark, Henry Mazur, Crystal Remillard, Kelly Carver.

Beta: Johanna Falcon, Jonathan Lytle.

Alpha: Heide Redford.

Beta: Dora Favre, Christina McNeil, Mindy Wooley.

**High School**

Alpha: Heide Redford.

Beta: Dora Favre, Christina McNeil, Mindy Wooley.

**Junior High**

Alpha: William Johnson-Pitter.

Beta: Johanna Falcon, Jonathan Lytle.

Alpha: Heide Redford.

Beta: Dora Favre, Christina McNeil, Mindy Wooley.

**Pass Christian Elementary School****SECOND NINE WEEKS FIRST GRADE**

All A's: Melinda Armstrong, Megan Fowler, Cherie Goff, Chaz Jeffries, Matthew Monk, Jane-Claire

Montgomery, Kayla Verdin, A's &amp; B's: Michael Arnold, Jessica Ashley, Lauren Bernard, Shane Bowser, Willis Brownlee, Deven Cardwell, Corrie Elzy, Sarah Freeman, Timothy Hughes, Hoa Huynh, Joey Jenkins, Eula Mack, Nicole Oliver, Bianca Salazar, Chase Smith, Wade Smith, Joshua Turner.

**SECOND GRADE**

All A's: Cameron Black, Alexis Charlot, Justin Humphrey, Sarah Jacobs, Brad Jones, Brooks Jones, Lien Nguyen, Tyler Russell, Aaron Saucier.

A's &amp; B's: Johnathan Biggs, Nicholas Bonomo, Christopher Bowell, Alicia Bourdin, Kelvin Bowens, Armon Bradley, Nicholas Bradley, Lois Carter, Antone Heroux, Corderrelle Horace, Robert Lebat, Anthony Landry, Whitney Lang, Phylicia Lewis, Khao Ly, Trey Manning, Christopher Monk, Blake Preston, Anthony Prima, Sheonna Saucier, Jerry Slowey, Diana Smith, Donald Titus, Diana Twyner, Ramon Walker.

**THIRD GRADE**

All A's: Ashley Goff, Rachel Jenkins, Daniel John, Brett Keel, Sandy Le, Amanda Necaise, Matthew Planchard, Beau Sellers, Rodney Smith, Thomas Wallace, Charles Walters.

A's &amp; B's: Sean Anderson, Shawnike Bell, Solame Brown, Cory Chapman, Whitney Church, LeShawn Dedeaux, Nakita Duplessis, Darius Gray, Erica Hammond, Linh Hoang, Loi Nguyen, Jessica Jenkins, Heidi Knight, Laura Mackay, Rebecca Miller, Justin Moran, Kathy Nguyen, Candasha Osterholm, Brian Smith, Amber Watts.

**FOURTH GRADE**

All A's: Stephanie Beale, Lindsay Grudzins, Cassandra Oden, Tori Terrell, Frederick Wiley.

A's &amp; B's: Dwayne Bacile, Daniella Bernard, Matthew Black, Jonathan Hall, Alesia Haynes, Heather Henderson, Gary Isabelle, Jennifer Jones, Mieu Ly, Jarvis McInnis, Jonathan Miller, Michelle Miller, Caro Kim Nguyen, Yen Nguyen, Robert Nystrom, Lauren Oliver, Destiny Porter, Sicily Rials.

**FIFTH GRADE**

All A's: Chad Musgrave.

A's &amp; B's: Arrionda Champion,

Austin Collins, Ariel Cummins, Christen Donnaway, Roscoe Forni, Mai Hoang, Krystal Manning, Jennifer Neill, Tam Nguyen, Whithnee Saucier, Massha Twyner, Chrystal Westbrooks, Brandi Yargo.

**MSU scholars**

Elizabeth Dillenkoffer and

Melissa Kaye Knight, both of

Bay St. Louis, and Jolene M.

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Scholars for the 1996 fall

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University.

Students on the president's

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Laura Leigh Felder of Waveland

is a dean's scholar for the

1996 fall semester at MSU.

Dean's list students achieved

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## Bourg-Delhomme



Mrs. Kevin Lee Bourg

Dawn Aly Delhomme of Lafayette and Kevin Lee Bourg of Diamondhead were united in marriage January 25, 1997 in an afternoon ceremony in the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Lafayette, La.

Officiating minister was the Rev. Wayne Duet, assisted by Deacon Eugene Waguespack. Soloist was Jodie Bollich; organist was Thomas Niel; and trumpeter, Will Green.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boucher Delhomme of Lafayette.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Henry Bourg of Diamondhead.

The bride is a graduate of Lafayette High School and the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette.

The groom was graduated from St. Stanislaus and the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

For the occasion she selected a full gown of white Italian satin. The bodice featured a v-neck and v-back with short pleated sleeves embellished with pearl edging and pearl appliques to a basque waist finish. The back featured a modified bow with four layered streamers cascading down the back shirt. A cathedral-length train completed the gown. Her jewelry was a string of pearls and pearl earrings, a gift from the groom.

Maids of honor was Dione Marie Perry of Lafayette, niece of the bride.

Bridesmaids included Daphne D. Landry and Deidre D. Montgomery, sisters of the bride, both of Lafayette; Sandra M. Delhomme, sister-in-law of the bride, of Lafayette; Denise Marie Bourg, sister of the groom, of Baton Rouge; Tiffany Ringe and Dana Perry, nieces of the bride, and Andrea LeBlanc, all of Lafayette.

Flower girls were Devin T. Delhomme and Madison K. Montgomery, nieces of the bride, both of Lafayette.

Ring bearer was Forrest D. Montgomery, nephew of the bride of Lafayette.

Best man was Richard Nathaniel Hotard of Lafayette.

Groomsmen included Paul Francisco Johnson of Thibodeaux, La., Chad Joseph Broussard, Coby David Nirdier, both of Lafayette; Michael Charles Ritten of Diamondhead; Christopher Morris Rodriguez of Lafayette; Duane Francis Delhomme, brother of the bride; and Joshua George Landry, nephew of the bride, both of Lafayette.

Ushers were Kyle Mitchell Seibold, cousin of the bride, and Justin Greg Gibson, Nathan Alan Jagneaux, Brian Joseph LeCompte, Damian Joseph Delhomme, nephew of the bride; and Jacob Edward Landry, nephew of the bride, all of Lafayette.

Gift bearers were William Eckert and Nell Dennis, both of Diamondhead.

Lectors included Laura Venincasa Cox, cousin of the groom, from Dallas, Texas; Desirée Delhomme Huggins, sister of the bride from Lafayette.

A reception followed the ceremony at Oakbourne Country Club. Hostesses included Mrs. John Sibley, Frances O'Barr and Nell Dennis, all of Diamondhead.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the groom Jan. 24 at The City Club of Lafayette.

Sept. 28, an engagement party was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Huggins, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Delhomme, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Landry and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Montgomery at the home of the Landrys.

Dec. 18, a Christmas ornament shower was hosted by several bridesmaids and sorority sisters in Lafayette. Dec. 21, a cocktail party was given at the home of the parents of the groom. Dec. 22, a bridal brunch was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Berlon Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. John Sibley and Judge and Mrs. Jack O'Barr at the home of the Dennis' in Diamondhead. Jan. 14, a "Crate and Barrel" shower and dinner was held in Dallas by Dr. and Mrs. Mark Venincasa, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Venincasa, Mr. and Mrs. John Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Venincasa at the home of Dr. Mark Venincasa. Jan. 18, a shower and brunch were given by Mrs. Louis Correll, Mrs. Rose Hare, Mrs. Hazel LeBlanc, Mrs. Tillie LeBlanc, Mrs. Clara Mosing and Mrs. Flossie Purpera at the home of Mrs. Mosing in Lafayette. Jan. 19, a bridesmaids luncheon was hosted by Mrs. Margaret Siebold and Mrs. Desirée Huggins at The City Club of Lafayette.

After returning from a wedding trip to Orlando, Fla., the couple will reside in Dallas, Texas.

## Crouch-Wheeler

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Wheeler of the Fenton Community announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Cami Lynn Wheeler to Mr. Courtland Adam Crouch Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Crouch Sr. of Chalmette, La.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Long Beach High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where she earned both a BA degree in English and a master's degree in adult education, with high honors. She was a member of



Courtland Crouch Jr. and Cami Lynn Wheeler

Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She is employed as the education coordinator at ASI Federal Credit Union in New Orleans.

The prospective groom is a 1988 graduate of Holy Cross High School in New Orleans and a 1993 graduate of the University of New Orleans where he earned a BS degree in accounting. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He is a CPA employed as vice president of finance at ASI Federal Credit Union in New Orleans.

The marriage ceremony will take place March 15 at 12 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Jefferson.

## Weidman-Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Davis of Natchez announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dara Susanne Davis, to Wade Edward Weidman, son of Micky A. Weidman of Hattiesburg and Stanley E. Weidman of Waveland.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cathedral High School in Natchez and the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received a master of science degree. She was a dean's list scholar and a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She is employed with Sundance Rehabilitation Corporation as a speech-language pathologist.

The prospective groom is a graduate of St. Stanislaus High School and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned a bachelor of science degree. He was on the dean's list and a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He is employed with G. & E. Engineering Environmental Consultants in Baton Rouge.

The ceremony will take place March 1 at 3 p.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church in Natchez.

## Head Start

Mississippi Action For Progress Inc. (MAP), a non-profit, private child care organization, announced its recruitment drive for the 1997-98 school year.

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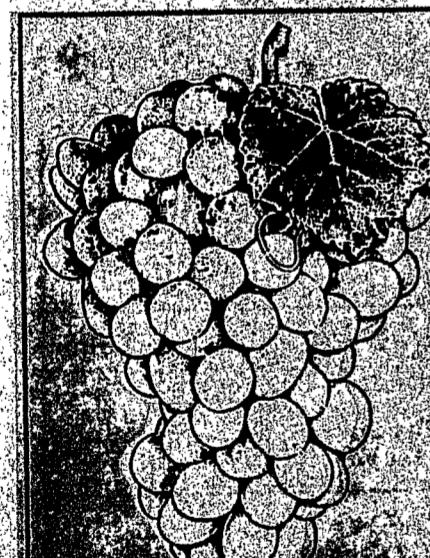
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## BIRTH

### RYAN VANCE KENNEDY

Mr. and Mrs. Chance Kennedy of Picayune announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Vance, January 25, 1997, at 5:24 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 5 pounds.

Mrs. Kennedy is the former Samantha Prest.

Maternal grandparents are Samuel and Joyce Prest of Perkinston.

Paternal grandparents are Gerald and Wanda Gledhill of Picayune.

Great-grandmother is Marie Prest.

### SAVANNAH MARIE RESTER

Regina Brian and Keith Rester of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Savannah Marie, January 23, 1997, at 10:34 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Sharon Jorden of Bay St. Louis and Wayne Eli Brian of Marthaville, La.

Paternal grandparents are Kim and Fred Rester of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Earlene and Bob Martin of Bay St. Louis, Geneva Brian of Marthaville and Rosalie and Del Calfin of Bay St. Louis.

### ALLISSA MARIE ADAM

Ricky and Tanna Adam of Kiln announce the birth of their second child, Alissa Marie, January 23, 1997 at 7:58 a.m. at North Shore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

She weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Teddy and Marilyn Grillo of Diamondhead.

Paternal grandparents are Carolyn Adam of Bay St. Louis and the late Clayton Adam, Sr.

Great-grandparents include Florence Deslatte of Diamondhead and Birdie Mae Ladner of Kiln.

Alissa is welcomed by her sister Morgan.

### ZACHARY WILLIAM BLUDWORTH

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bludworth of Pass Christian announce the birth of their third child, Zachary William, January 20, 1997 at 2:25 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

Mrs. Bludworth is the former Cindy Bowman.

Maternal grandparents are James C. Bowman of Pass Christian and Evelyn Moncus of Gulfport.

Paternal grandparents are Irvin C. Bludworth and Jearene Bailey of Pascagoula.

Great-grandmother is Bonnie Bowman of Pascagoula.

## Healthy Man's Heart

The Center for Women's Health of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport will sponsor a program especially for men entitled "The Healthy Man's Heart," Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Center at 301 Church Avenue in Long Beach.

Speaker is Liz Taylor, RN, MSN, CNS. Taylor is a registered nurse working in the Intermediate Care area at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport specializing in cardiac nursing.

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Lighthouses, legends and French Marines

## February is History Month at Gulf Islands National Seashore

Lighthouses, legends and French Colonial Marines are the topics covered this February at Gulf Islands National Seashore. History is more than obscure places and fading memories. It is colorful, exciting and fascinating.

This month special guests help Gulf Islands explore the lives of people who in years past called Mississippi's Gulf Coast and offshore islands their home.

### '4 Women's Imaginations' to open at Gillespie Gallery

"4 Women's Imaginations," an art exhibition featuring over 40 pieces of original art work, will be open to the public Feb. 6 at the Sarah Gillespie Gallery of William Carey College on the Coast.

The exhibit will feature the imaginations of four female art students who will be receiving their bachelor of fine arts degree from William Carey College in May 1997.

The artists, Veronica Bello, Sheila Robnett, Georgane Treadaway (native Mississippians), and Geinene Haynes (originally from Henderson,

Ship Island lighthouse keeper C.H. "Pop" Stone, Ocean Springs storyteller Chris Vinsonhaler and French Colonial Marine re-enactors from the Fort Maurepas Society are this month's guest speaker at Davis Bayou's Visitor Center.

Also in February, Ranger Susan Merrifield presents "Art for Kids" with an historic twist. All of February's programs at Davis Bayou are free and pre-

sented on Sunday afternoons at 2.

Local storyteller Chris Vinsonhaler says she knows the true story of Jackson County's Singing River. You can find out Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2, when she presents "The True Story of the Singing River."

Designed especially for adults and children ages 10 and up, Vinsonhaler takes her audience on a journey back in time to the creation of one of this area's most enduring local legends. The True Story of the Singing River begins at 2 p.m. in the Davis Bayou Visitor Center.

How did kids have fun before VCR's and electronic games? Today's kids can find out during Sunday, Feb. 9's "Art For Kids/Yesterday's Toys."

During this hour program, Ranger Susan Merrifield shows what yesterday's child did with a few materials and a little imagination. All materials are free as each child makes a toy and learns a little more about the past. Adults are also welcome when everyone meets at 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center for an hour of hands-on discovery.

In 1699, three small ships lowered sails and dropped anchor off what we know today as Ship Island. Rowing ashore in small boats, these explorers claimed all lands from Ship Island to Canada as French Louisiana. Re-live the lives of the French Colonial Marines on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16.

Beginning at 2 p.m., members of the Fort Maurepas Society present "Life of the 1699 Soldiers" in the Visitor Center auditorium. Dressed in the uniforms of the *Compagnie Franche de la Marine*, these re-enactors discuss the everyday life, weapons and equipment needed to survive 300 years ago in Fort Maurepas and Colonial Biloxi.

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to live on a desert island? Some people might fear the loneliness, storms, desolation and hurricanes. Others could find the idea almost as appealing as heaven-on-earth.

C. H. "Pop" Stone thinks he had the best job on the planet. For over 20 years, Stone tended the tower and light of Ship Island's lighthouse. Living 12 miles offshore, he protected ships and crews sailing past Ship Island from wreck and ruin.

Join "Pop" Stone and members of the Stone family for an hour of colorful reminiscing about Ship Island during the 1930's and 40's.

That's "Lighthouse Life with Pop Stone" on Sunday, Feb. 23 in the Davis Bayou Visitor Center at 2 p.m.

Along with February's list of programs are displays and exhibits illustrating different periods of Gulf Coast history. On view this month at the Visitor's Center are "Photos of Ship Is-

land's Lighthouse, Ship Island, Time Line" and "Artifacts from Ship Island's Past." Visitor Center hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. seven days a week.

"Artifacts from Ship Island's Past" displays relics normally not seen by the public. Originally created for last year's 25th anniversary of Gulf Islands National Seashore, the exhibit features items found near Fort Massachusetts, sites of military encampments, Ship Island Lighthouse and the Old Quarantine Station.

Enjoy this final look at Ship Island memorabilia before it all returns to the museum vault Feb. 28.

Also in February, four "working blueprints" of the new Ship Island "Soldiers and Sailors" exhibit will be on display. Included are panels providing glimpses of military activities on the island from over 100 years ago.

Depicted are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, military units camped on Ship Island, the 1864-65 Confederate prisoner-of-war camp and the 1863-70 garrison of African-American soldiers first known as the Second Regiment, Louisiana Native Guards. Enjoy this mainland preview of Ship Island's newest permanent exhibit.

Davis Bayou and the William M. Colmer Visitor Center are located off Hwy. 90 East in Ocean Springs. There is no admission charge into the park, the William M. Colmer Visitor Center or for Sunday afternoon programs.

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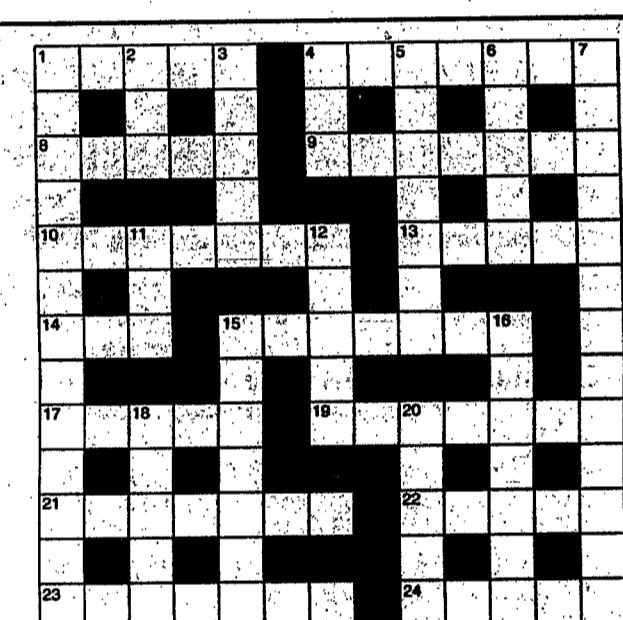
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- Partial motor paralysis
- Disturbance
- NBA star, Robert
- Horse bit
- Depression
- Meanings
- Antique made of wood

### CLUES DOWN

- Assassination successor
- Kind of drum
- Japanese specialty
- Shape into a sphere
- Pads of paper
- Lily
- Kennedy successor
- Corrode
- A way to take away
- Largest ocean
- Abduction
- Seaport in Finland
- National capital

### SOLUTIONS ACROSS      SOLUTIONS DOWN

- Avers
- Optical
- Darns
- Babylon
- Elegies
- Erato
- Jet
- Paresis
- Havoc
- Parrish
- Snaffle
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